Most of the heavy rain in the Gulf Coast States was associated with tropical activity. With the passage of hurricane Betsy, 2-4 in. fell in southern Florida and 4-6 in. fell when this storm entered Louisiana and moved up the Ohio Valley. Another storm that originated in the Tropics produced several inches of rainfall on September 29 and 30 as it moved across northwestern Florida and spread rains across several States. On the dates above, the Mobile, Ala., city office reported a 24-hour record fall of 16.85 in., accompanied by heavy flooding.

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